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2014/2015- IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE TAX RECEIVER'S OFFICE

RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPERTY OWNER: The tax laws in Suffolk County state that payment of taxes on a timely basis is the responsibility of the property owner **EVEN IF A TAX BILL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED**. The property owner will be liable for all penalties and interest on late payments. As tax bills are sent out in December, any person who purchases property in Suffolk County during the following year should determine if the second-half tax is paid.

Payment Information for 2014 – 2015: Taxes are payable by cash, checks (payable to "Receiver of Taxes") drawn on a U.S. bank, money order valid in U.S. banking system and subject to collection, or credit card payments (by phone or online). Transactions returned by your bank for any reason will cancel your tax payment and incur penalties and interest fees if applicable. Returned checks will incur a \$20.00 NSF fee. Partial Payments of \$200.00 will be accepted during the collection period. After January 10, interest will be applied toward the unpaid balance.

In person: Taxes may be paid at the following locations during their regular business hours. When paying in person, please bring your entire bill and it will be receipted.

December 15th - May 31st **Office of the Tax Receiver**
300 Pantigo Place, Suite 106
East Hampton 9am – 4pm

December 15th – January 10th and May 1st – May 31st CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY- NO CASH

Montauk Playhouse
240 Edgemere Street
Montauk 9am- 4pm

Bridgehampton National Bank
All Locations

By Mail: Please send only the stub portion of the bill with your payment and *write your phone number on the stub*. The mailing address for all payments and correspondence is: **Office of the Tax Receiver, 300 Pantigo Place, Suite 106, East Hampton, NY 11937**

If taxes are paid by mail, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 925, you will avoid penalty and interest if the envelope bears proper postage and an official post office date stamp – a private postage meter stamp is not acceptable – no later than the last day to pay in person.

Phone or Online Services (Credit Card Payments): Please call 1-800-487-4567 or 1-800-272-9829, or visit the website www.officialpayments.com, and enter Jurisdiction code 4216. You will need your TAX BILL NUMBER and credit card information. Official Payments Corp., the credit service provider, charges a convenience fee based on the amount of the transaction. The taxpayer will be advised of the convenience fee before finalizing their tax payments. The system will issue a confirmation number. Write down your confirmation number as proof of payment.

Receipts: If a receipt is desired, taxpayers are requested to submit the **ENTIRE BILL** each time a payment is made. Payment will be receipted by this office on the bottom of the bill and returned to you. Effective December 1, 1994, your only receipt will be your cancelled check or your stamped tax bill.

Mortgages: Most mortgages include an escrow account for payment of taxes. If a property owner satisfies your mortgage in mid-year, **the property owner should check with the Tax Receiver to determine if the TOTAL TAX was paid by the BANK**. The bank will not necessarily forward a tax bill to the property owner after a mortgage has been satisfied. The owner will be liable for penalty and interest on a late payment even if the bank did not forward a bill.

Tax Exemptions: Anyone who purchases improved property in Suffolk County should question if there was any tax exemption granted to the previous owner, such as veterans or senior citizens exemption. This exemption would not pass on to the new owner and the tax could change considerably when the exemption is removed from the property.

Third Party Notification for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners: If you are either 65 years of age or older, or disabled, and you own and occupy a one, two, or three family residence, you may designate a consenting adult third party to receive duplicate copies of your tax bills and notices of unpaid taxes until further notice. Applications may be obtained in person from your tax collecting office, or by mail if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Applications for third party notifications must be filed with the tax collecting officer no later than November 1, 2014.

Tax Arrears: If the word "ARREARS" appears anywhere on your tax bill it means that back taxes may be owed OR you may not have been properly credited for payments made. Suffolk County will take title to real property that remains in arrears. Effective November 30, 1985, all improved property **other than one, two, or three** family residential dwelling units will have a one (1) year redemption. All others will have a three (3) year redemption. If the word ARREARS is on your bill, please get in touch with the Suffolk County Treasurer, 330 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York 11901 (631-852-3000) immediately to determine the amount in arrears. Continued failure to pay all of the taxes levied against the property will result in your loss of the property.

Please contact the East Hampton Assessor's Office at (631) 324-4187 for information pertaining to requirements, applications and deadlines for the following property tax exemptions: Senior Citizen Exemptions, Star Exemptions (Basic and Enhanced), Veterans Exemptions, and Disabled Person(s) with limited incomes, Clergy, Volunteer Fire and Ambulance, Solar Energy Exemption